

REMARKS

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with the foregoing, new claims 2-20 have been added.

Claims 1-20 are pending and under consideration.

NEW CLAIMS

New claims 2-12 derive from U.S. Serial No. 10/020,945, as canceled in a recent amendment. Similarly, New Claims 13-20 derive from U.S. Serial No. 10/020,980, as also canceled in a recent amendment. U.S. Serial Nos. 10/020,945 and 10/020,980 were amended, in each case, for a speedier allowance and the aforementioned new claims have been reasserted herein to reinforce the applicants believe in the allowability of the same.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

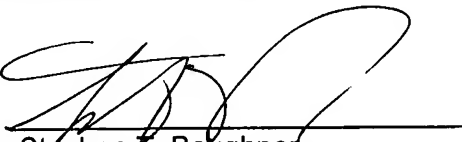
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